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Time to get things moving!

It's said that time flies. But 12 months after Hurricane Maria leveled the island, for Puerto Ricans the days, weeks and months have gone by slowly. In rural areas and poor communities, time seems to have halted. Puerto Ricans still are waiting for things to return to normal. Unity of will is needed from the highest levels to the communities so finally things get moving with greater speed, so we can say — for real — "Puerto Rico se levanta" (Puerto Rico rises). Read inside and visit **metro.us** for our stories on Puerto Rico one year after Hurricane Maria.

JUDGE SLAPS DOWN COSBY RECUSAL MOTION

1 The sentencing for Bill Cosby on sex assault charges is set to proceed on Sept. 24 as scheduled, after a Montgomery County judge slapped down eleventh-hour motions accusing the judge of bias. Montco Judge Steven T. O'Neill rejected motions by attorneys for Bill Cosby asking him to recuse himself from the case, filed two weeks before Bill Cosby faces a jail sentence of five to 15 years on three counts of indecent sex assault for drugging and molesting a former Temple University employee in 2004. Cosby's lawyer Joseph Green said O'Neill had a grudge against former Montco DA Bruce Castor following an alleged feud in 1998 during a competition for the title of DA that also involved O'Neill's former girlfriend. O'Neill said the motion was filed too late and was factually inaccurate. "No 'grudge,' animus, bias or prejudice can be claimed, because it simply does not exist," O'Neill wrote in his decision rejecting Cosby's motion and ordering sentencing to proceed as planned on Sept. 24. Cosby's wife, Camille Cosby, also claimed O'Neill was unethical after the motion was filed and demanded his actions be investigated. SAM NEWHOUSE

4 INJURED IN WISCONSIN OFFICE BUILDING SHOOTING

2 Police responded to an active shooter in Middleton, Wis., on Wednesday, according to multiple outlets. Four people were shot, according to the Wisconsin State Journal, by a shooter at an office building in Middleton, which is a suburb of the state capital, Madison. Officials told the Journal that shots were fired Wednesday morning around 10:30 a.m. CDT at a building that houses companies including Esker Software and WTS Paradigm. There were at least "40 police squad cars and ambulances from multiple jurisdictions outside the building," Journal reporter Dean Mosiman said from the scene. No fatalities have been reported at this time. The four victims as well as the suspect, who was critically injured, were taken to an area hospital, Middleton Police Chief Charles Foulke told the paper. Earlier, a spokesperson from the Dane County Sheriff's Department confirmed to the Associated Press that there was an "active shooter situation." Police escorted people out of the building, and one woman taken out of the building was heard screaming, according to the Journal, saying it was "a devastating loss." KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

PUERTO RICO STILL RECOVERING ONE YEAR AFTER HURRICANE MARIA

3 Luis E. De Jesus, 51, shows off his Hurricane Maria-destroyed wooden house in the Playa Fortuna neighborhood on Wednesday in Luquillo, Puerto Rico. De Jesus and his wife had lived in the house for years but now are staying in a FEMA-paid apartment nearby until he can procure title documents to the property, which belonged to his grandfather. Hurricane Maria slammed into the island on Sept. 20, 2017, and resulted in the death of nearly 3,000 people in the months following the storm, according to George Washington University's Milken Institute. President Donald Trump has disputed the death toll.

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SMART SAYS PRISON RELEASE POSES DANGER

4 Elizabeth Smart, the Utah woman whose kidnapping as a 14-year-old drew national attention to the issue of crimes against children, said in an interview that the release of one of her kidnappers on Wednesday posed a danger to the public. Smart was taken at knifepoint in 2002 from the bed she shared with her sister. A passerby spotted her nine months later when she was walking down the street with her two captors, a homeless street preacher and his wife, and called police. One of Smart's captors, Brian David Mitchell, was sentenced to life imprisonment. His wife, Wanda Barzee, 72, was released on Wednesday after serving 15 years in prison for kidnapping and unlawfully transporting a minor. Barzee had been scheduled to be in prison until 2024 but was released after prison officials recalculated her sentence to account for time already served before going to state prison. "I do believe she's still a danger ... I am very concerned for the community, for the public, as much as I am for myself," Smart, now 30, said in an interview with "CBS This Morning" that aired on Tuesday and Wednesday.

4 SHOT AS GUNMAN CHASES WIFE INTO COURT BUILDING

5 A man chased his estranged wife into a crowded Pennsylvania court building where they were due to appear for a domestic violence hearing Wednesday, then shot and wounded her before he was fatally shot by police, according to law enforcement and local media. Three others, including a police officer, were wounded in the incident that began with an argument between the man and woman outside the court building in Masontown, a borough south of Pittsburgh, WPXI reported. The woman fled into the building and he chased after her, shooting with a handgun and wounding at least two people outside, WPXI said. They burst into the court building, where 30 to 40 cases, most of them preliminary hearings, were on the docket for the afternoon session, Fayette County District Attorney Richard Bower said at a news conference. Bower declined to confirm the relationship between the man and woman, saying the next of kin had not been notified, but told reporters the man was due in court on strangulation and assault charges related to domestic violence and had a restraining order against him.

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Suspect arrested for murder during carjacking in rural area of Chesco

Hakeem Smith has been charged with murdering Quarryville father Sam Algarin during a carjacking and robbery.

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Sam Algarin (left), a father of two from Quarryville, was murdered by Hakeem Smith (right) during a robbery in Oxford, Pa., on Sept. 13, police say. PROVIDED

Chester County prosecutors have charged an ex-con with murdering Sam Algarin, a 31-year-old father of two, during a carjacking and robbery in a quiet rural area last week.

Hakeem Smith, 31, was charged with murder for allegedly shooting Sam Algarin, 30, once in the chest, then dumping his body by the side of the road.

"This was a senseless and cold-blooded killing," Chesco DA Tom Hogan said in a statement. "The defendant needed a car and money, so he killed an innocent victim to get what he wanted."

Algarin was a well-liked Quarryville resident who had worked for 12 years at a Chevrolet car dealership in Oxford. Stunned co-workers told NBC10 they put together a $4,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of Algarin's killer over the weekend.

Algarin encountered Smith on Sept. 13 while he was picking up his car, a 2010 GMC Terrain, from a parking lot, prosecutors said.

According to the criminal complaint, Algarin had gotten out of work at 6 p.m. and met up with his mother and two young sons to take them to a karate class. After the class ended at 9 p.m., they got pizza at nearby Pasquale's Pizza, and then Algarin's mother drove him back to the parking lot of the Oxford Starbucks, where he had left his parked car.

"This was a senseless and cold-blooded killing."
Chesco DA Tom Hogan

Meanwhile, just a few hours earlier, Smith had been ordered to leave the home of his own mother, located on Conowingo Circle less than a mile from the Starbucks.

Police were called around 7:44 p.m. by Smith's mother due to a dispute over his refusal to leave the home. Police on the scene supervised Smith leaving the house on foot with his possessions in a bag but observed no "red flags," Hogan told NBC10.

Co-workers at the Jeff D'Ambrosio Chevrolet dealership where Algarin worked described him to WGAL as someone who always had a smile on his face. They are now raising funds for his children.

"Sam Algarin was a good father to his children, a good son to his mother, a good worker to his employer, and a friend to everybody he met," Hogan said. "The defendant killed the victim and dumped him on the side of the road like trash. Now the defendant will face justice."

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A year after Hurricane Maria, 'Puerto Rico is writing a comeback story'

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Before Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico a year ago, the Caribbean island was a popular destination known for its beaches, vibrant culture and natural beauty. But amid this week's flood of first-anniversary coverage, some of which you may see right here in Metro, residents and tourism officials want travelers to know Puerto Rico is as captivating as ever.

"There's still a lot of work to be done, but Puerto Rico is writing a comeback story like our industry has never seen," said Brad Dean, CEO of newly formed Discover Puerto Rico. "We look forward to turning the page from talking about what Maria did to Puerto Rico and now begin to talk about what the people of Puerto Rico are doing after Maria. It's a great story to tell."

For Dean, the biggest challenge is battling perception.

"So many people, they remember the coverage of what happened and the devastation and destruction that was experienced, but they haven't seen the updated imagery," he said. "Unless they've visited, they might not be aware that the island's tourism industry is not only open for business, we're ready, eager and able to welcome visitors back to the island."

And how: One year after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico has 132 hotels open with nearly 11,000 rooms for rent, 14 cruise ships and 110 daily flights on 28 airlines. Plus, 4,000 restaurants, 13 golf courses, 16 casinos and some of the island's most-treasured attractions are also up and running.

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Hard-hit community Humacao may perfectly illustrate Puerto Rico's post-Hurricane Maria recovery. Lifelong resident Janet Gonzalez, 47, said, "The water reached our knees and the strong winds left the shelter without a roof." Her 10 days of basic supplies were damaged, and the community was in desperate need of relief.

So they wrote "SOS" on the street, and an aerial photo later taken by an aid worker went viral and helped the community get the much-needed supplies.

Today, that SOS has been changed to "Bienvenidos!" or "Welcome!" to let the world know "we are standing," Gonzalez said. "We are grateful for the help we have received. Some houses need repairs, but our community is getting up, and we need you to visit us."

"There is no better way to help your fellow American citizens in Puerto Rico than to book your next vacation, meeting or conference," Dean said. "This is how we can accelerate the recovery."

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HURRICANE MARIA ONE YEAR LATER

The stress of Hurricane Maria has caused a silent struggle among the people of Puerto Rico. GETTY IMAGES

Maria's anniversary prompts new concerns about mental health

Puerto Rico has been dealing with a rise in suicides, PTSD, anxiety and depression since September 2017.

LYANNE MELENDEZ GARCIA

The date Sept. 20, 2017 has been engraved in the memories of hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans as a dreadful day, caused by the hit of the most destructive hurricane experienced in years — Hurricane Maria.

The devastation it brought led to an outbreak of stress, depression and anxiety, with some Hurricane Maria survivors going so far as to commit suicide. Now, a year later, many Puerto Ricans are hopeful, but some feel they are reliving the tragedy, which is raising new mental health concerns.

One year after a catastrophic event is the peak season for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), according to mental health experts, due to the so-called "Anniversary Effect."

"On a clinical level, we have started to observe, from summer to now, more people that are searching for help for symptoms related to post-traumatic stress directly correlated to the hurricane, but this is only the most severe symptomatology," said the Center of Study and Treatment of Fear and Anxiety (CETMA) Director Karen Martinez, adding that more research needs to be done.

"The key moment that manifestations of post-traumatic symptoms start to surface is from 12 to 18 months after the disaster. Unfortunately, we are now entering the moment where we predict that more cases will resurface," she said.

Martinez acknowledges that it took more time for people to focus on their mental health because "we spent a lot of time in simply resolving our basic necessities of having water, electricity, food, and a safe roof, and there are still many people recovering." Among the symptoms of PTSD are having dreams related to the traumatic event, experiencing flashbacks, and a great discomfort with event-related stimuli.

Chief of Administration of Mental Health and Drug Addiction Services (ASSMCA) Suzanne Roig said that Maria's anniversary is a risk factor for survivors struggling with mental health. "Yes, we have an increase in anxiety disorders. The same thing happened during Hurricane Katrina. It had the same result and it is the same thing we are observing here," she said.

Silma Quiñones, a psychologist in Puerto Rico, told Metro that "typically what usually

By the numbers: Suicides after Hurricane Maria, 2017-2018

- Sept 2017 = 28
- Oct 2017 = 22
- Nov 2017 = 26
- Dec 2017 = 20
- Jan 2018 = 14
- Feb 2018 = 18
- March 2018 = 23
- April 2018 = 29
- May 2018 = 13
- June 2018 = 21
- July 2018 = 21
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happens is the anniversary syndrome. It is like PTSD, the person starts to relive the emotions and the discomfort and anguish associated with the traumatic event even though nothing is happening right now, even though everything is re-established."

She added that this syndrome lasts for multiple years after the catastrophic event and its symptoms arise on the date of the anniversary. Symptoms may include sleep difficulty, stress, anxiety and a feeling of profound sadness.

Renowned psychologist and traumatology expert Charles Figley will visit Puerto Rico to study and evaluate the state of Hurricane Maria survivors a year after the storm. Figley will evaluate the state of mental health services on the island.

"It is not only to provide my specialty and knowledge, but it is also for me to understand the story," Figley told Metro, adding that it could be an opportunity for developing knowledge, not only for the island, but also for research across the globe. "Many people that have PTSD have not been diagnosed, and they recovered," said Figley, whom during his career has studied around 35 traumatic events. He attributed those cases of recovery to the fact that people can receive treatment "not only by psychiatrists and psychologists, but by faith, clubs, friends and community activities."

According to the Department of Public Safety, an increase of 20 percent in suicides was observed by the end of 2017, compared to 2016. The months following the hurricane presented the increase; During September there were 28 cases (in 2016, only 19); in October, there were 22 (versus 18 in 2016); in November, there were 26 (2016, 12); and in December, there were 20 (2016, 14).

Martinez compared the situation in Puerto Rico to fallout from Hurricane Katrina, whose survivor population is "the closest thing to Puerto Rico in terms of the psychosocial stressors and poverty level."

"The environment following the disaster left such a big impression that for people who already have risk factors for suicide, this becomes 'the straw that broke the camel's back,'" Martinez explained.

"Manifestations of post-traumatic symptoms start to surface 12 to 18 months after the disaster. We are now entering the moment where we predict more cases will resurface."

Karen Martinez, Director of CETMA

In the days immediately following Hurricane Maria, the island's suicide prevention helpline received about 800 calls. Now, a year later, the helpline is still getting 500 to 600 calls daily. "We continue to promote the use of the PAS line because that line is much more than suicide prevention," explained Roig.

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Don Fermín Pérez has been living without electricity since Hurricane Maria struck. JOSE ENCARNACIÓN

Power still not restored for some forgotten Puerto Ricans

One Puerto Rican man opens up about his new normal – a life without power, one year post-Maria.

JOSE ENCARNACIÓN

It's been one year since Hurricane Maria swept through Puerto Rico, and unlike the vast majority of his countrymen, Don Fermín Pérez still doesn't have electric power at his home, forcing him into survival mode every single day.

Having just turned 70, Pérez lives alone in Yabucoa, a little town on the southeastern coast of the island. He doesn't receive Social Security benefits, and lacks the resources to go downtown and ask for the public assistance he desperately needs.

After the hurricane, no one from Yabucoa's municipal government ever went by his home. Pérez told Metro that American brigades were unable to re-establish electric power, since they couldn't find a way to connect his residency with a light pole located about ten steps from his front door.

"American brigades passed through this area. I never saw Puerto Ricans working to fix this issue. Everyone around here started getting electric power back, but since I don't have any money and don't get any assistance aside from government coupons, I couldn't do anything to fix it."

The front door of Pérez's home is broken. One of the three rooms doesn't have a single window and, due to the deplorable conditions in which Hurricane Maria left the infrastructure of the house, parts of the wall and the ceiling are crumbling. Fungus has completely blackened Pérez's bed, and its foul smell permeates the inside of the house.

The house where Pérez has lived for 31 years is now a threat to his safety.

FEMA came to Pérez's house, he told Metro, but nothing happened.

"FEMA told me that Tu Hogar Renace ("Your Home Reborn," a local government program funded by FEMA) was over. But I don't know if that's the truth," Pérez said.

Pérez explained how he functions when darkness falls. He said that he applied for the Obama Phone program and that he finds his way around the house with the little flashlight on the phone.

"This lights up and works fine," he said. "I go to bed and spend the night peacefully. It's not like I can do anything else."

"Since I don't have any money and don't get any assistance aside from government coupons, I couldn't do anything to fix it."
Don Fermín Pérez

The U.S. government has said that Puerto Rico's recovery has been a success, and Puerto Rico's local government and its Electric Power Authority have said repeatedly that electric power has been re-established throughout the entire island.

And yet, Pérez keeps waiting in Calabazas Arriba. Yabucoa's mayor, Rafael Surillo, didn't reply to requests for comment.

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Trump warns South Carolina after Florence deluge

President Donald Trump warned South Carolina on Wednesday "water is coming your way" from more floods as the death toll from Hurricane Florence rose to at least 36 after a sheriff's van was swept away, killing two women.

"Over the next couple of days, it's going to get rough in South Carolina... Whatever you need from Washington, we are there," Trump told an official briefing in Conway, S.C.

"Now it looks nice, but it's really the calm before the storm," he said, referring to water draining into rising rivers after Florence's epic deluge over the weekend.

Trump visited a neighborhood in Conway where residents were loading moving vans in anticipation of more flooding.

Florence has killed at least 36 people, including 27 in North Carolina, eight in South Carolina and one in Virginia. Two of the South Carolina victims were mental health patients who drowned on Tuesday when a van carrying them was swept away by floodwaters.

More than 15,000 people remain in shelters and more than 200,000 customers are without power across North Carolina because of Florence, according to state officials.

Although the storm is long gone, river flooding still poses a danger. The Cape Fear River was expected to crest at 61.5 feet, four times its normal height, on Wednesday in Fayetteville, N.C., a city of 200,000 near the Fort Bragg Army base in the southern part of the state, according to the National Weather Service. Floodwaters have disrupted efforts to restore power, clear roads and allow evacuated residents to go home.

Wilmington, just down the coast, remains almost completely cut off by flooding from the Cape Fear River and earlier storm surges from Florence.

At least 16 rivers remained at a major flood stage, with three others set to crest in the coming days in North Carolina, the state said.

The toll of environmental damage was also mounting as human and animal waste gets swept up in the roiling floodwaters.

North Carolina is one of the leading U.S. hog-producing states and the floodwaters have caused 21 hog "lagoons," which store waste from pig farms, to overflow, creating a risk of standing water contaminated with bacteria like salmonella, according to the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

Trump promised North and South Carolina would have strong federal support. "We're going to be there 100 percent," Trump told officials at a briefing shortly after arriving at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock, N.C.

"We're going to be there 100 percent."
President Trump

Trump, who has been criticized for his handling of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico last year, also thanked first responders for their work since Florence made landfall on Friday.

He was accompanied by Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Brock Long, Sens. Richard Burr and Thom Tillis of North Carolina and Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott of South Carolina.

Trump visited a church in New Bern, a town of 30,000 located at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers that was hit especially hard by flooding, and joined volunteers in passing out boxed meals to locals in a drive-through line. REUTERS

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DAZN gives viewers another (cheaper) option to watch boxing

The streaming service makes its U.S. debut with Saturday's heavyweight title bout between Anthony Joshua and Alexander Povetkin.

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"Let's get ready to live-stream!"

U.K.-based streaming service DAZN is hoping fight fans will be doing just that for Saturday's heavyweight championship match between Anthony Joshua and Alexander Povetkin at London's Wembley Stadium, which will be its first live-streaming event in the U.S.

DAZN's parent company Perform Group announced its billion-dollar joint venture with Matchroom Boxing, as well as a multiyear global distribution agreement with Bellator MMA, in July.

What will it mean for U.S. viewers? DAZN, considered the world's largest streaming service, will give viewers a bigger bang for a lot less bucks, according to its CEO James Rushton. Last year's Canelo Alvarez-Gennady Golovkin bout netted 1.3 million PPV buys, while last Saturday's epic rematch was expected to reach 1.5 million — at $84.99 a pop.

DAZN hopes to build a new generation of fight fans at less than $10 a month. Besides an average of one live-streaming championship bout per week, DAZN (pronounced "Da Zone") promises exclusive original shows as well as behind-the-scenes features leading up to each fight.

"We're giving fans what they want — great fights, behind-the-scenes features, all at just $9.99 per month without the cost or hassle of pay-per-view," DAZN CEO James Rushton told us. "[Saturday's fight] is just the beginning though."

It was recently announced that Brian Kenny, "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Kay Adams, Chris Mannix and LZ Granderson will be the announcing crew, beginning with this Saturday's event.

Of course, no fight would be complete without a signature introduction call, so DAZN and Matchroom partnered with legendary ring announcer Michael Buffer to bring his iconic "Let's get ready to rumble" call to each fight.

"We hope this level of access means that current fans will not only be able to tune in to their favorite fighters even more, but also spark a new generation of fight fans and bring the sport and our fighters further to the masses," Rushton says.

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Nike's Kaepernick ad spurs spike in sold-out items

Nike Inc. has sold out 61 percent more merchandise since the controversial ad campaign featuring former NFL player Colin Kaepernick appeared earlier this month, according to data on the company's online sales from Thomson Reuters Proprietary Research.

Kaepernick, who sparked a national controversy by kneeling during the national anthem, first tweeted the ad over the Labor Day weekend, which immediately sparked demands for a boycott of the company's products.

President Donald Trump also tweeted, without providing evidence, that "Nike is getting absolutely killed with anger and boycotts."

But the research by Thomson Reuters, conducted in collaboration with StyleSage Co., showed the world's largest sportswear maker sold out far more items

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between Sept. 3 and Sept. 13 than in the 10-day period before the ad came out.

Nike discounted fewer products in the 10-day period after the ad and saw its Colin Kaepernick women's jersey sell out on Sept. 17, the research also showed.

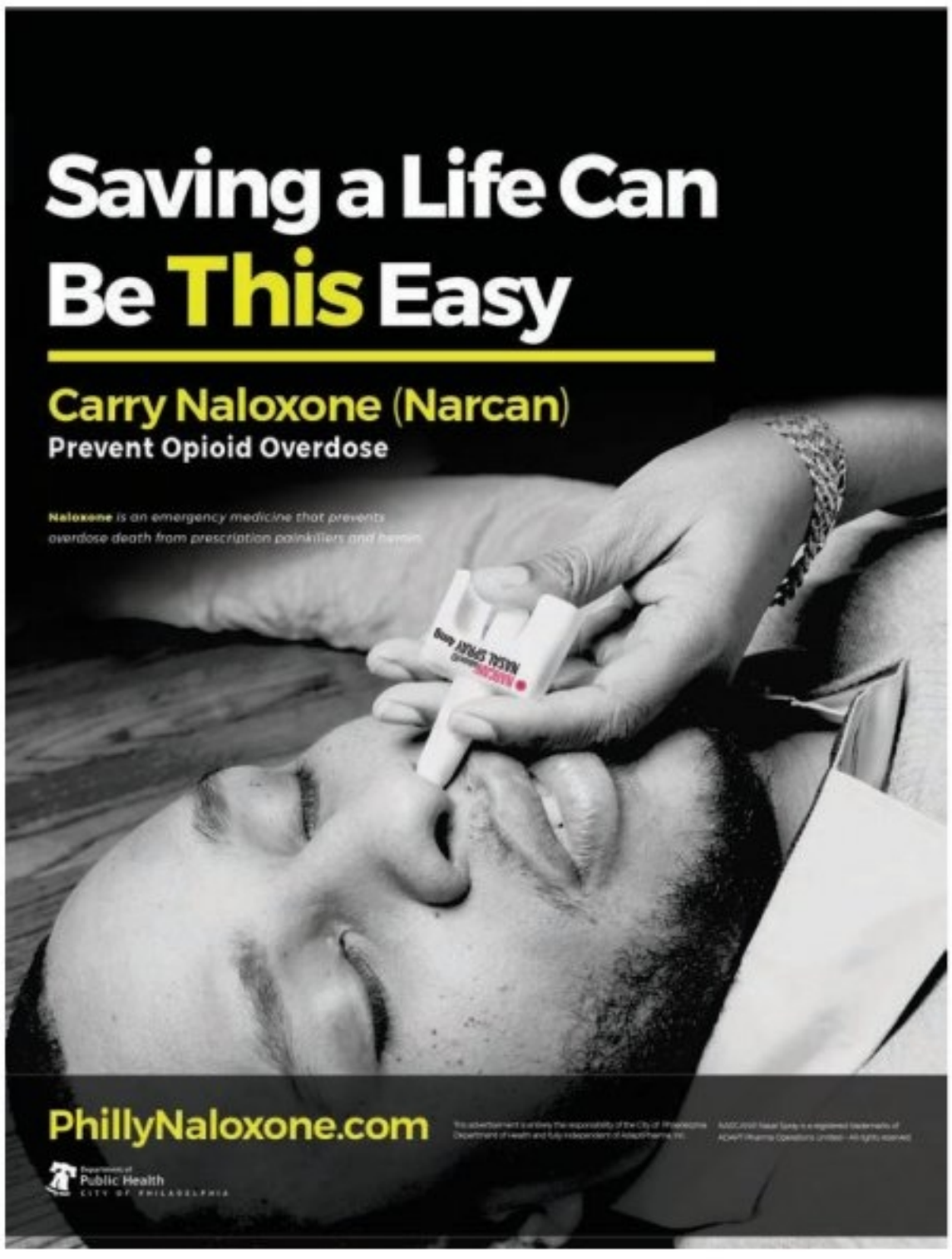
"These strong statistics reinforce the notion that Nike is standing firm — and not just in a social context," said Jharonne Martis, director of consumer research at Thomson Reuters.

"They don't need to participate in the discounting that tends to plague other retail brands."

Thomson Reuters is the parent company of Reuters News.

Shares in Nike have rebounded from an initial drop when the first versions of the ad were released, hitting a record high a little over a week later. Social media sentiment around the company, which dived in the immediate aftermath of the ad, also turned positive earlier this week, according to Thomson Reuters' Eikon Social Media Monitor.

"[Nike's] new 'Just Do It' ad campaign with Colin Kaepernick was a stroke of genius ... This premeditated move was another subtle but significant sign of Nike's strength and confidence in its position in the marketplace," Canaccord Genuity analyst Camilo Lyon wrote in a client note last week. REUTERS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TRUMP IS TAKING AWAY OUR FOOD STAMPS

What angers me is that we all will get mass, across-the-board cuts to our food stamps, from $192 to $164. He will do this to us elderly and disabled. I so welcome back George Bush with open arms. He was bad but not cruel to the poor, the elderly, the disabled and seniors. It's being shoved down our throats, through social media, the newspapers and by the mail that he will cut us from $192 to $164 on Oct. 1, 2018. Other sources say we have no right to a fair hearing. How does it feel, Mr. President, to be the most hated man in the country? I can't wait till this nightmare and horror are over. I stopped watching TV because of him, it's all being forced down our throats. — **Helen Murphy**, *Metro New York reader*

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Live from Philly, it's TuRae Gordon

The Philly stand-up comedian is recording a live album, and you're invited.

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TuRae Gordon has done a lot of things in his time. What he hasn't done in a while is a comedy album.

That changes this Thursday at Punch Line Philly. "I'm older and wiser now, for sure," he says. "The life that I'm living is more relatable to the guy I want to be, and say, on stage. I once told my mom that I was nervous about what I was going to say at a certain gig to which she replied, of course, that I was always funny. That wasn't the problem, though. I know I'm funny. But how I'm going to be perceived, how that funny is going to be conveyed was crucial.

"Who do you want to be, onstage and off — that's what means the most to me."

The same thing goes politics. "I'm not there to be confrontational. Yet if something needs to be said, if it's about my life, I embrace it. I'm just not going for the low-hanging fruit. I'm not out there Trumpy tripping. … I might flip it, and not be on the haranguing tip. Maybe, he's got a point, being all gangster and running the country like he's running Death Row Records."

TuRae is recording his show live. PROVIDED

TuRae recalls listening to Richard Pryor's albums. "He's why I do this. … Same with George Carlin. With Carlin, I had to laugh because my grandmother had all these Redd Foxx records, and then I was like, 'Who's this old white dude?' With Richard, I found it supremely fascinating that I couldn't see him while listening to those records of his, but I could just imagine how he moved and made faces. I knew I wasn't supposed to find the stuff of drugs and pimps funny."

Why now? "I've been the best comedian in Philly forever, and the time seemed right to log my third album, add to the catalog. I want people to be able to find my material even when they can't see me and listen at their leisure.

"Some would tell you I am the community. I don't say that to sound arrogant. I say that because I've spent a considerable amount of my career making sure that it's not just single shows or one comic getting success and moving on. I do also feel as if the comedy community here is segregated. I don't want barriers in my comedy. Comedians need to be considered by each other's room, and considered by all management and promoters. … The good thing is that comedy and comedy clubs are growing."

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The stand-up comedian and "Better Call Saul" star appears in Philadelphia this week.

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Lavell hits the stage this weekend in Philly. GETTY

Countless people in comedian-actor Lavell Crawford's life have affected him, such as his wife, DeShawn; kid L.J.; and his mother and father, who he reconnected with eight years ago.

They and the rest of his personal life are the deepest part of his stand-up comedy act, as you'll witness at Sansom Street's Helium Comedy Club this week for four nights Sept. 20 to 24.

"L.J.'s no baby now, he's 7," says Crawford proudly. "My family is more a part of my act than ever, and I'm never precious about it. Being a father, having a beautiful wife — being a family man — is all fair game, even the things that go wrong. My father wised me up to the ways of life. Nothing's taboo because there ain't nothing taboo. It's way of life. The only things I don't touch are the things that make no sense."

And yes, that means that Crawford rarely touches politics. "I'm in the middle. If I gotta touch on politics, it would be but a drop. The manipulation of Facebook and the media against the president, all this picking sides, it's so dumb to me.

"Then again, anyone who wants to be the ruler of a whole world is a monster. Look, if you're a fan of superhero movies, you know that Lex Luthor wanted to be president, too — think about that. Besides, we don't really have a say in what goes on anyway. We only vote

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so that we can bitch about it."

All that and two professional meetings — one with legendary blue comedian Rudy Ray Moore and the other with Vince Gilligan, the creator-producer of "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul" turned the big man's career around for the best.

We get to talking about Moore — whose life will be captured by Eddie Murphy when he appears soon in the Netflix biopic "Dolemite Is My Name" — through discussing classic comedy albums from the likes of Redd Foxx and Bill Cosby.

"All of Rudy's Dolomite records are strong," he says. "I got to meet him, and he gave me the best advice ever that a comedian could give. He told me to 'use everything I got, and leave it all up on the stage – from your weight to your life, talk about it.' Now, his whole act is sexual, but when I met him, he was intelligent and wise. He produced and released his own albums and films. And as dirty as he was, he also did church comedy tours. Showed me that I could do it all.

"I've done churches and I've done gigs where I was the only brown face in the room. And dirty? People tell me I can be vile, but I can be clean when the money's right. I can hold a cuss for hours for cash."

Then there's the role Vince Gilligan gave Crawford: Huell Babineaux, the bodyguard, assistant and pickpocket for Saul Goodman in "Breaking Bad," and, now, "Better Call Saul."

The comedian sounds grateful beyond belief that he has that role, still. "It changed my life and opened doors, those shows," he said. "I can't say much — you know that — but did you see last week, that scene with the piñatas? I busted over 500 of them it was awesome. There was candy everywhere. I never had a chance to hit one as a kid, but I played baseball and I loved swinging that bat."

Then Crawford does give away a little bit of a hint of what's to come during "Better Call Saul," when he says, 'keep watching, You're going to get to see more about where Huell came from. We know Saul was the catalyst for it all, the puppetmaster. … You're going to enjoy yourself." Ask Crawford, the stand-up, if anything is bugging him lately that he will want to get off his chest on stage at Helium, and he laughs. "Nothing bugs me … look at my life, and how good it is," he says.

"I love doing stand-up as often as I can. It's my therapy. It keeps food on the table. The only thing that bugs me is watching how caught up people are with the media. I can make fun of that, and the human mind all day long. Believing in monsters that don't exist….. "

Lastly, Crawford has a bit of history with the City of Brotherly Love, not only because he has done stand-up here in the past, but because he appeared as a character in the FX's "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." Crawford loves the city and is pleased to be back. "I like cities with soul. Every city has one But you can see your soul, inside and out. Plus, al ot of good things come out of Philly, you got that steak you eat. That's nice."

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Dancing and Oom-pah music are a tradition. FRANKFORD HALL

All the info you need to celebrate Oktoberfest 2018 in Philly.

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Looking to party, Bavarian-style? Philly's got you covered. The city is offering an array of Oktoberfest celebrations to bring out your inner Oom-pah dancer. Beers will be flowing, pretzels will be eaten and plenty of drunk memories are going to be made ... or forgotten. Here are the best places to Celebrate Oktoberfest 2018 in Philly.

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PHLOktoberfest

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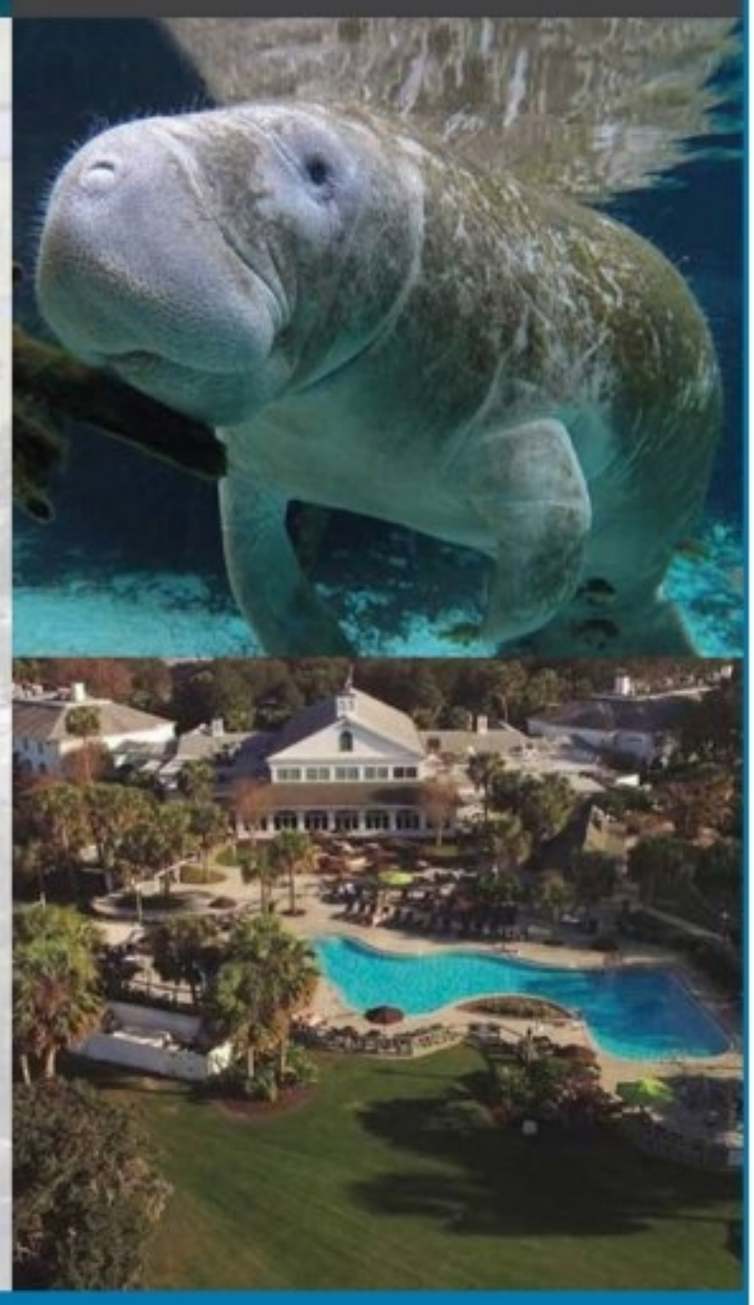

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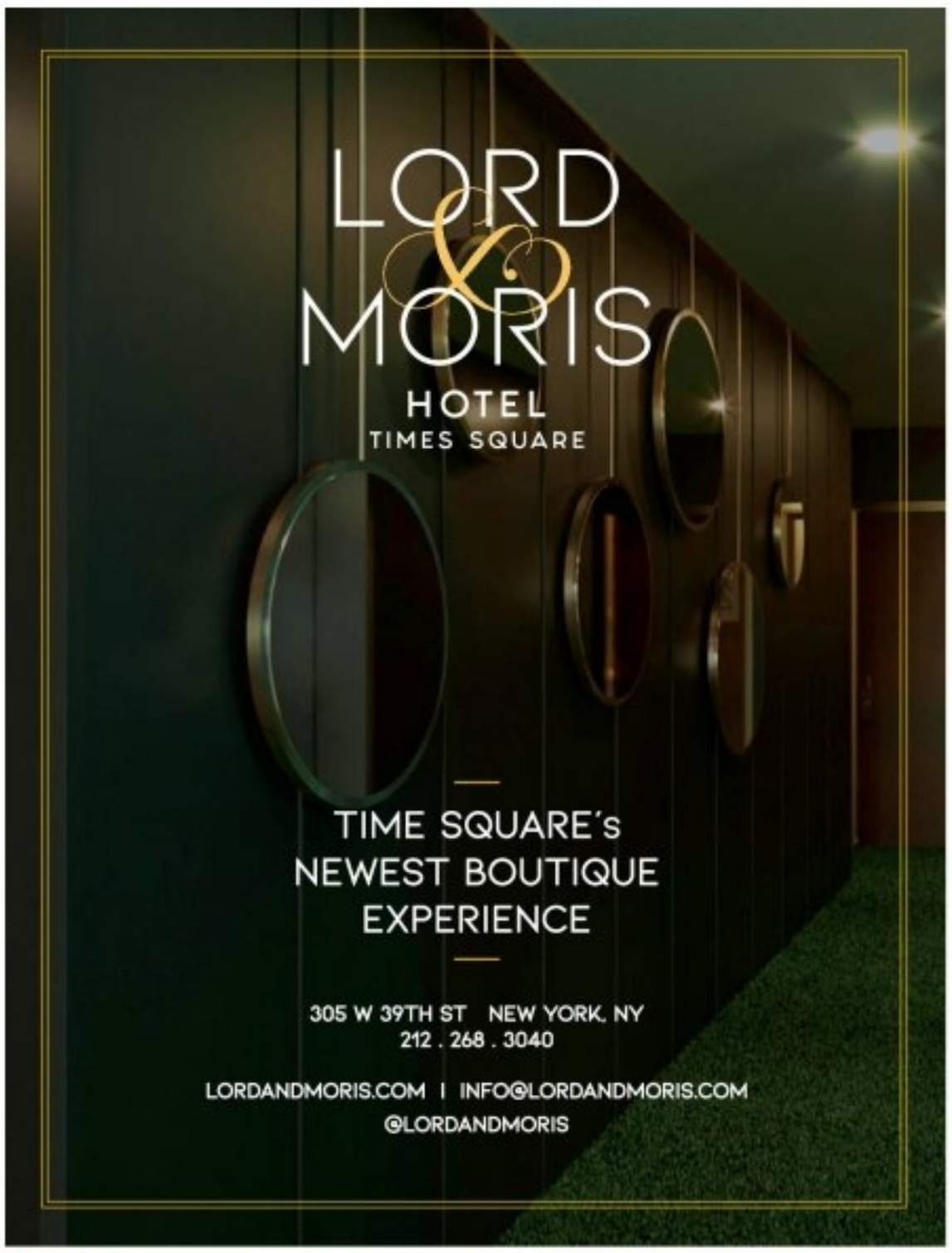

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Coasteering is an outdoor sport featuring rocks that can cut you and icy water that will make you forget you have limbs. Yet, here I am writing about how fascinating and eye-opening I found it.

Yes, it's sorta-kinda just climbing rocks and jumping into the water below on the coast of, most prominently, UK countries like Wales. But when the rocks are jagged and unpredictable and the water is ice cold (even though you're wearing a wetsuit), your heart skips 47 beats and suddenly you realize, "OK I get it, thrillseekers."

TYF, who has been hosting guided coasteering tours in Pembrokeshire, Wales, for 30 years, describes coasteering as, "a mischievous combination that'll see you walk, scramble, climb, swim, and cliff jump."

The thing about coasteering is it's hard. No, there aren't any prelearned skills necessary to perform the activity, but if you're not in physical shape, I don't recommend it. If you're not comfortable stretching, I don't recommend it. If you can't swim, I definitely don't recommend it. I honestly don't know what I like about the sport, but I do know that there is something to like. It might be that feeling of discovery, seeing places like Wales in all of their natural glory, amplified by very chilly water—and you'll get the opportunity to explore tiny caves and coves that are really only accessible by coasteering!

The guides in charge of my recent trip—two friendly fellas from TYF—directed my group toward jumping points and advised the angle/spot in which we should aim to land in the water. They suggested we keep our hands and feet by our sides in a pencil-shaped manner when jumping. You're jumping from a high place, so you want to make your landing as smooth (and as not painful) as possible. And, if you want to get the true coasteering experience, you will jump. Outside of those directions though, the experience was fairly hands-off.

While the elements of coasteering have been around for years, the activity was officially given its name in a book called Sea Cliff Climbing, a tome dedicated to introducing its readers to Great Britain's "sea cliff climbing" in 1973 by John Cleare and Robin Collomb. Two decades later, the activity became commercial in Pembrokeshire. The jury's still out on official competition, but if that does one day come to fruition, there's no better destination than Wales.

Wales is a beautiful place filled with many a coast. Walking along the edge of the world reduces you to the tiny spec on this gigantic planet that you are. In that sense, coasteering is oddly reassuring; while I was doing it, I didn't think about any issues other than, "How am I going to climb this slippery rock?", "How cold is this water?", and "Am I going to break every bone in my body on this jump?" Against these jagged cliffs, my problems and the everyday hurdles I face stood no chance of distracting me. Coasteering is primal, and it's absolutely an experience that will take you out of your comfort zone. But that's ultimately why we travel, right? So, I guess I do know what I like about it. Thank you for taking this climb with me.

You should know

TYF has a heavy amount of "leftover" shoes people decide to toss out (or forget) after trips in case you forget to bring proper ones; "proper" meaning shoes you can get dirty, wet or, um, destroy. You'll also learn to cherish your helmet and life jacket. Oh! And, you probably shouldn't bring your phone or camera for photos. The guides can provide you with some snapshots.

You should also know

You might need to trek to the coast after suiting up at TYF's base. There could be cows on said trek; you may be walking through a field in wetsuits; it will be low-key iconic. **JESSE TABIT**

SPORTS

Carlos Santana and the Phillies collapsed down the stretch of the 2018 MLB season. GETTY IMAGES

Phils need miracle to reach postseason

Philly will need a little bit of luck if they want to win the N.L. East.

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The numbers are forever seared in the memory of any Phillies fan of a certain age: six and a half games up with 12 to play, with a magic number of seven.

That's how much of a lock Gene Mauch's 1964 Phils seemed for the National League pennant and a World Series date vs. the Yankees.

Its also how much of an uphill climb their 2018 counterparts face as they head to Atlanta for the climactic final stretch drive, a series that's been hotly anticipated for weeks.

The Phillies insist regardless of the odds and the math working against them that they won't be deterred.

"You never know," said Carlos Santana, one of a handful of current Phils who's gone through the drama of a pennant race before.

"Finish strong. Finish healthy. Stay focused," he said. "I don't look at the numbers. Every game is very important. We have to stay strong mentally and worry about the present. Play for today."

This is the right mindset to have because the Phillies have run out of tomorrows. What shaped up not too long ago as a potentially epic showdown — seven of 11 against the Braves, with an imposing four-game trip to Colorado in between — now seems more like the precursor to Atlanta's coronation as N.L. East champs.

Even Gabe Kapler, who seldom utters a discouraging word, concedes there is zero margin for error.

"We still maintain some degree of control in the division," Kapler said before the start of the recent Mets' series. "It's not complete control, but if we perform really well in the games in Atlanta and Colorado and against Atlanta again, I feel we're going to be in a really good spot."

"Is it the highest likelihood? I understand that mathematically it's not," the first-year manager added. "But I do feel we have a shot if we play great baseball down the stretch. We can't play good baseball anymore. We have to play great baseball."

Considering they've been in free-fall since sweeping a four-game series against the Marlins in early August and not even winning a series until this past weekend vs. those same Marlins — that seems highly a pipe dream.

Of course, stranger things have happened, as those '64 Phils with Jim Bunning, Chris Short, Richie Allen, Johnny Callison & Co. can attest. Seemingly in command up 6.5 games with 12 to go, they inexplicably lost 10 straight.

Within a week, the second-place Reds — who started the carnage with a three-game sweep at Connie Mack Stadium — had caught them. But when Cincinnati faltered as well in the final week, the Cardinals snuck past everybody to clinch the pennant on the final day of the season.

Not only that, but they also went on to beat the Yankees in the Series.

So is there a 2018 version of Chico Ruiz wearing red pinstripes? Oldtimers will recall that's the Reds' utility infielder who stole home in a scoreless game to set the wheels in motion for the start of the Phillies' unfathomable skid.

Of course, that's ages before the members of this 2018 crew were even born. But it has to help the narrative believing that there's still hope, if not for the division then perhaps the wild card.

"There's still time, especially for the wild card," claimed outfielder Nick Williams, who admits a young team being in a pennant race for the first time may have accounted for their August-September swoon.

"But we're just trying to win the day. Take it day by day and there's a chance we could make a last-minute run."

It's unlikely, for sure. Then again, so was what happened in '64.

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Eagles drop to No. 6 in NFL rankings

Ranking the top teams in the NFL ahead of Week 3.

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Carson Wentz and the Eagles have work to do in Week 3. GETTY IMAGES

1. Los Angeles Rams (2-0) Last Week: 4
In a dominant performance rarely seen at the NFL level, they blanked the Cardinals, holding them to 137 yards and just five first downs.

2. Jacksonville Jaguars (2-0) Last Week: 7
You expect Jacksonville's defense to turn in this kind of effort. You don't always expect Blake Bortles to have the massive game he turned in.

3. Kansas City Chiefs (2-0) Last Week: 5
Patrick Mahomes has 10 touchdown passes through two games after torching the Steelers for six Sunday morning.

4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-0) Last Week: 16
Tampa Bay is operating the most impressive offense in football and they aren't even bothering to run the ball to do it behind Ryan Fitzpatrick.

5. Minnesota Vikings (1-0-1) Last Week: 2
Kirk Cousins showed exactly why Minnesota signed him, with three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter as a part of a 425-yard day.

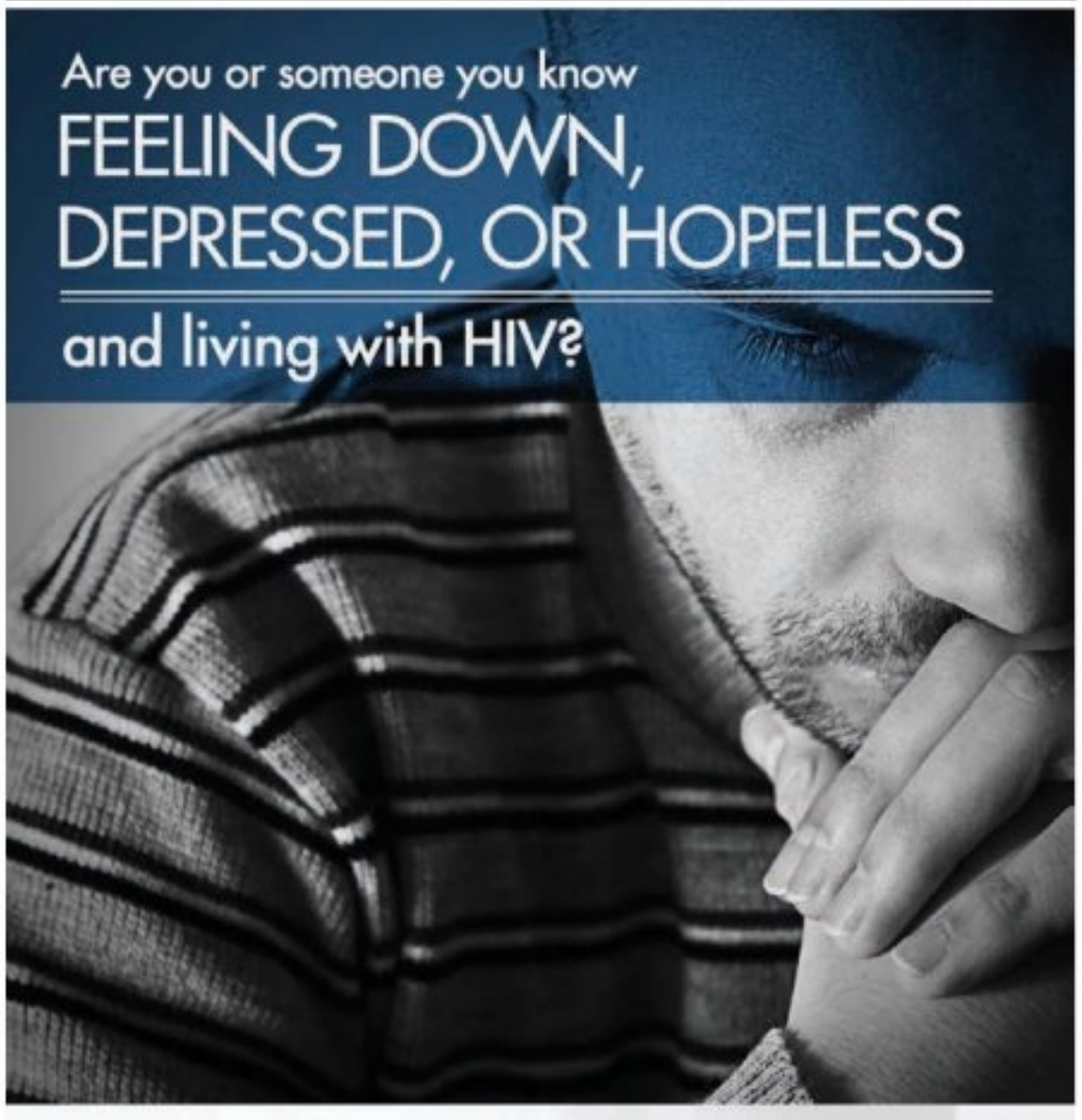
6. Philadelphia Eagles (1-1) Last Week: 1
The offense's bumpy start shouldn't be laid at the feet of Nick Foles, but Philadelphia fans will nevertheless eagerly welcome back Carson Wentz in Week 3.

7. New England Patriots (1-1) Last Week: 3
Reactionary? Sure. But it's one thing for the Patriots offense to be stymied by the Jacksonville defense. It's another for their defense to allow Blake Bortles 377 yards and four touchdowns to prevent any hope of another late comeback.

8. Atlanta Falcons (1-1) Last Week: 9
In a reversal of sorts, Matt Ryan outshone Cam Newton. Tevin Coleman looked more than capable of handling the ground duties in Devonta Freeman's absence, with 107 yards on just six carries.

9. Green Bay Packers (1-0-1) Last Week: 8
Aaron Rodgers' performance didn't quite reach the mythic heights of a week ago against Chicago, and the Packers have to be worried that they allowed Rodgers and his questionable knee to be sacked four times Sunday.

10. New Orleans Saints (1-1) Last Week: 12
After combining for 88 points and 1000 yards of offense with the Buccaneers, they entered the fourth quarter Sunday against Cleveland with three points to their name. Hoping to pull off the same comeback won't be a good strategy in a big early-season game against the Falcons.



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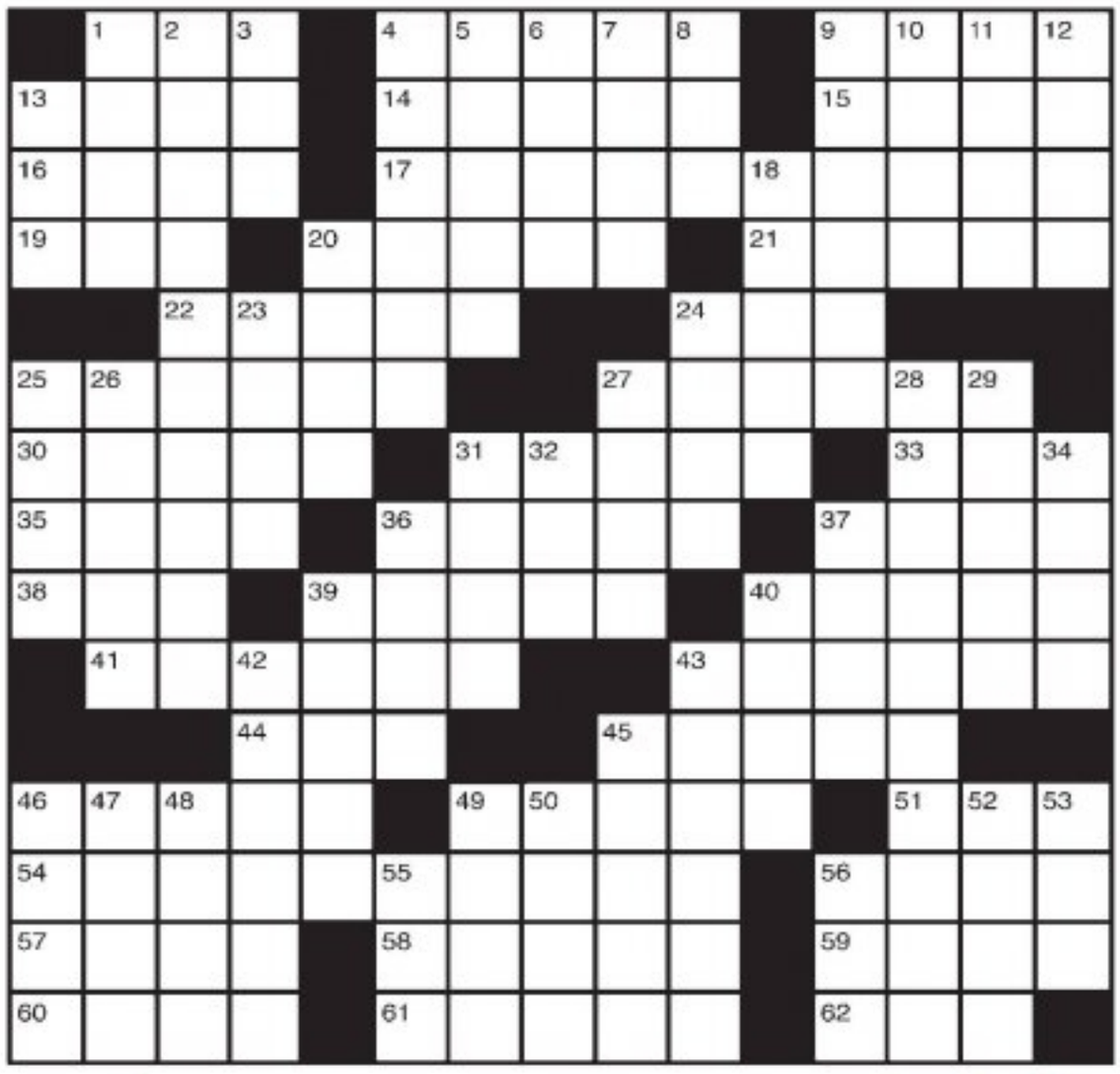

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1 Partially opened flower
4 Egyptian dam
9 Flying saucers, for short
13 Window glass
14 VP Agnew
15 Forbidden item
16 Weapons
17 Consecrated
19 Gen. Robert E. __
20 Melodies
21 Good wood for rafts
22 Meanders
24 Fraternity letter
25 Point the finger at
27 Gives a heads-up to
30 Chef's utensil
31 Kyoto's nation
33 Serling or Steiger
35 Pool toy
36 Stengel or Affleck
37 Place to buy salami & rye
38 Thee
39 Heaved sounds
40 Stopwatch
41 Inclines
43 Take into custody
44 Mayberry resident
45 Overuse the mirror
46 Hush money
49 Shopper's fling
51 Doris or Dennis
54 Deep cut
56 Golf course shout
57 __ out a win
58 Black-and-white critter
59 Pitcher's delights
60 Marries
61 Lock of hair
62 Feminine ending

DOWN

1 Like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard
2 Cruel
3 __ Moines
4 Take for granted
5 Reaches across
6 Zinfandel or Riesling
7 Rainbows
8 Likely as __; probably
9 Biased
10 Thwart
11 Singles
12 Word before jerk or pop
13 Companion
18 Playwright Henrik __
20 Chore
23 Remove from office
24 Drama
25 Askew; twisted
26 Pandemonium
27 Hairy beasts
28 Huge; overwhelming
29 Foot parts
31 Sporty English autos
32 Bit of soot
34 Soil
36 Refer to
37 Urgent
39 Look of contempt
40 Acacia or alder
42 Mother Superior
43 Stadiums
45 Nudges
46 __ it; failed miserably
47 Leaf-gathering tool
48 __ tea
49 Polaris or Betelgeuse
50 Evergreen
52 __ and crafts
53 Simple reply
55 Capable
56 Nemesis

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